

# THE TRUE DEMOCRAT.

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BISHOP THREATENED BY MINISTER.

## Exciting Episode Occurs in North Georgia Methodist Conference.

On the opening of Thursday morning's session of the North Georgia Methodist Conference in Newnan, Dr. W. Wadsworth, after listening to the reading of the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, as read by the secretary, arose and said he objected to them as they were not correct in their statement of his case.

"I insist," he said, "that the minutes embody the facts as they were. I insist that the minutes record the fact that the committee appointed was a second committee, and that the first committee found me not guilty."

The secretary stated that the minutes would be corrected. Not satisfied, however, Dr. Wadsworth asked how corrected. The bishop then asked Dr. Wadsworth to write out his corrections and give them to the secretary. The minutes were then corrected to his satisfaction.

Dr. Wadsworth then came forward and stated that he wanted a ruling from the bishop on two points of law. Addressing the bishop, he said: "The point is: was it not irregular and against church law for Dr. J. W. Quillian not to answer when he reported for his conference yesterday in regard to my name, 'no charge against him'?"

"And, second, and after that, was it not contrary to Methodist law and precedent for the presiding elder to present to the conference the report of an investigating committee when that report was in the nature of an exoneration of charges. I wish a ruling on this point from you, bishop—will you kindly give it?"

Bishop Duncan stated that he might change his decision later, but that his present opinion was to the effect that it was not against the law, and that the proceedings of Wednesday were legal and regular.

Immediately following this statement by the bishop, Dr. Wadsworth came forward and rather heatedly said:

"With all courtesy and due kindness, bishop, I wish to say that if that is your ruling in this matter, I shall prefer charges against you at the next meeting of bishops for failure to comply with the governmental rulings of the church in the conduct of the session yesterday morning."

Dr. Wadsworth's remarks went through the audience like an electric shock, and there was a hum of excitement immediately.

In pungent style, Bishop Duncan replied: "That's all right—that doesn't matter. I don't mind your charges. Prefer them if you like. At present this is my decision and ruling. I may change it later—but my impression is that my ruling is a correct one."

Dr. Wadsworth then took his seat, and the conference resumed its usual quiet routine.

## TRAGEDY RESULTS FROM JEALOUSY.

### In Resenting Attention to His Girl by Another Dickerson Was Killed.

R. E. Dickerson, a lineman for the Bell Telephone company, was shot and killed by Dr. O. T. Kenyon, of Dalton, Ga., at 135 Spring street, a boarding house, in Atlanta, Saturday night, and Kenyon was dangerously wounded by Dickerson.

The tragedy resulted from Dr. Kenyon having taken to the theater Miss Florence Weston, the 15-year-old daughter of Mrs. Weston, a widow, who runs the boarding house. Dickerson was desperately in love with the girl in the case.

## WOMAN DEVELOPS IN CASE.

### Charge Brought Against Preacher Wadsworth are Given Airing.

It has developed that the charges against Dr. Wadsworth brought before the North Georgia Methodist Conference, are based on his alleged conduct towards a lady of Hartwell, on whom he called while her husband was absent. It is alleged that Dr. Wadsworth attempted certain minor liberties with the lady which she resented.

## CHARITY BAR WAS MENTIONED.

### Upshaw Created Sensation in Address Before Georgia Baptist Convention.

When William D. Upshaw, Georgia's well known and popular religious educator and lecturer, declared Sunday night in the Georgia Baptist convention at Macon that he was thinking

## HOST OF MINISTERS

### Hold Forth in Newnan at Thirty-Ninth Annual Session of North Georgia Methodist Conference.

The thirty-ninth annual session of the North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was called to order at Newnan by Bishop Duncan at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The feature of the opening day was the appointment of a committee to investigate certain charges against the character of Dr. W. W. Wadsworth, which developed when the report of Rev. J. W. Quillian of the Elberton district was made.

He made a splendid report regarding the work, and when the bishop, as is customary, asked whether there was any report regarding the character of the ministers of his conference, he said all were good, except for "one name, which the conference now has."

When Dr. Quillian sat down, a gentleman arose in the body of the audience and asked Dr. Quillian if he had reference to him in his last remark. Dr. Quillian admitted that he had. The man was Dr. W. W. Wadsworth, against whom charges had been preferred concerning his moral character, and who was recently tried by an investigating committee at his home, Hartwell, Ga., and found not guilty.

Dr. Wadsworth said he thought the proceedings of the presiding elder in stating the matter as he did to the conference was unkind and unusual. He said that the presiding elder knew that the committees had found him not guilty, and that there was no reason for him to do other than report that not one person in his district had anything against his personal character or life.

Dr. Quillian stated that he thought he followed closely the Methodist law in proceeding as he had, but that if the bishop thought otherwise, he would be glad to correct himself.

E. C. Brown of Hartwell arose at this juncture and asked for a new committee to go over again the charges against the character of Dr. Wadsworth.

Dr. Wadsworth asked to speak on the plea of personal privilege, and said he did not think he was being treated fairly. He said that he had never seen such a precedent as this yet before. He said he could and was willing to stand any number of trials, but that he did not want this new committee appointed, as there was absolutely no use in doing it. He said he was troubled that he should be so humiliated in public as this bringing of the matter up before the conference was doing. He said he thought it was unkind and unbrotherly to give him the humiliation of the public discussion.

Conference voted to appoint a new committee. Dr. Wadsworth has been prominently connected with Methodism for many years. To his friends the charge of immoral conduct on his part came as a great surprise.

The roll was called and showed a goodly number of delegates present—a larger number probably than has ever been at an opening roll of the North Georgia Conference before.

The conference re-elected Dr. John Held as secretary of the meeting. His popularity and good work have served to make him a fixture in the North Georgia Conference, where he has for thirty years served faithfully and efficiently as secretary.

Rev. M. J. Cofer, the popular business manager of the Christian Advocate, made a strong and stirring speech in regard to the work which The Advocate had done during the past year. He showed that The Advocate had made more progress in the past year than ever before, and that it was planned to give better service to the church through it during the coming year. He thanked all those who had helped him in the work of building up The Advocate.

At the conclusion of the address of Dr. Cofer, conference went into the hearing of reports from each presiding elder regarding the condition of the work in their districts.

## PENSION ROLL SHOWS DEFICIT.

### Governor Terrell Receives Report from Georgia Commissioner.

There will be a deficit of nearly \$20,000 in the pension rolls of Georgia for 1906, according to a report made to Governor Terrell Wednesday by Pension Commissioner Lindsey, who has just completed the rolls for next year.

There were 2,538 new applications filed with the commissioner this year, out of which he approved 1,354 and disapproved and returned for amend-

## CADETS DEFY REGULATIONS

### Likewise Officials of Naval Academy "Wink" at Discipline.

## MERIWETHER ON TRIAL

### Alleged Case of Manslaughter Throws Limelight on a Secret "Code" Observed by Midshipmen.

Midshipman Minor Meriwether, Jr., of Louisiana, a member of the third class of the naval academy, was put on trial at Annapolis, Md., Wednesday before a naval courtmartial on charges that include that of manslaughter in having caused the death of Midshipman James R. Branch, Jr., of New York, a member of the class above him, as a result of a prearranged fist fight which took place on the evening of Sunday, November 5, last.

An operation was performed on Midshipman Branch the next night, but he died on the following Tuesday morning. The sad incident of the death of young Branch, under such circumstances, has been widely noticed and has called attention to the existence at the naval academy of an unwritten code governing the student body, but quite outside the authoritative regulations and generally in violation of them.

Under the "code" every detail of these fights is fixed, the midshipmen on duty abstaining from reporting them and excusing from formation those connected with them. These facts were very clearly brought out both by the judge advocate and in the cross examination by Lieutenant Commander Robinson, for the defense.

Midshipman A. W. Fitch, who referred the fight which was followed by Branch's death, stated that he had officiated in nineteen such contests and Midshipman McKittick testified that he had taken part in nine. Detailed accounts were given of the arrangements by which the midshipmen on duty acquiesced in absences without leave and other derelictions in order that the fights might go on, and the testimony also showed that, although frequently severe injuries resulted from these fights and the recipients often had to be taken to the hospital, nothing further was ever heard of them.

This the defense brought out on cross examination, it being evidently intended to show that the authorities also winked at the "code" and the prearranged fights under it.

Interesting sidelights to hazing, or "running," as it is called at the academy, developed from the testimony of one of the midshipmen. Meriwether had been generally disliked, he said, because he was too "ratty," that is, it was explained, that he did not abide by the rules laid down for the government of the lower class men.

Some of these were that he should never enter "Lovers' Lane," an academy walk; that he should turn all corners at right angles; should not look at an upper class man and should answer most respectfully when addressed by one of them, that he must never touch the table, nor ask for anything during a meal, and under no circumstances "fuss," that is, to be in society of young women.

## ACCORDED EIGHT-HOUR WORK DAY.

### Cutters and Polishers of Precious Gems Get Time Concession.

Eight hours are to constitute a day in the diamond cutting and polishing industry hereafter, according to an agreement reached in New York Wednesday by a committee representing the Diamond Workers' Protective Union of America and the Diamond Manufacturers' Association. The employees in New York city are less than forty.

The question of wages for the coming year is also being considered. The men now average, it is said, more than \$40 weekly.

## LION'S SHARE PAID TO HAM LTON.

### Insurance Attorney Got Nearly All the Profits in One Syndicate Deal.

Most startling developments were brought out at Friday's session of the committee on insurance investigation in New York.

Milton Madison, bookkeeper of the New York Life insurance company, swore that in the case of the United States Steel syndicate, there appeared in one instance a profit due to the New York Life of \$87,187, from which was deducted, no reason being given, the sum of \$59,310 paid to An-

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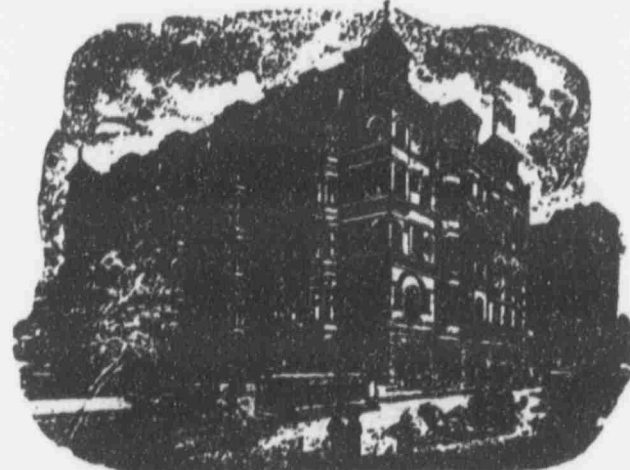
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Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
12:25p	12:55p	12:10a	9:25p	Lv New York Ar.	7:23a 6:30a 4:15p
2:55p	3:23p	7:23a	12:12a	Lv W. Phila. Ar.	4:21a 2:35a 1:45p
5:07p	5:25p	9:42a	2:37a	Lv Balt'mo. Ar.	1:48a 11:17p 11:30a
7:25p	10:50a	4:30a	Lv Wash'ton Ar.	11:50p 8:36p 9:50a	
11:00p	2:20p	9:10a	Lv Richmond Ar.	5:30p 4:55p 6:23a	
11:40p	2:57p	10:02a	Lv Pet'sb'rg. Ar.	4:42p 4:09p 5:49a	
1:45a	5:10p	12:45p	Ar .Norlina . Lv	2:10p 1:40p 3:24a	
33	41	38	32		
Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily		
9:30p	.....	9:25a	Lv Portsmouth Ar	5:30p	..... 7:50a
10:02p	.....	9:54a	Lv . Suffolk. Ar.	4:54p	..... 7:12a
1:20a	.....	1:20p	Ar .Norlina. Lv.	1:40p	..... 3:30a
1:57a	5:13p	1:40p	Lv .Norlina. Ar.	1:15p	1:35p 3:21a
2:25a	5:37p	2:10p	Lv Hend'son. Ar.	12:37p	1:10p 2:56a
9:00a	.....	4:10p	Ar .Durham.. Ar.	10:05a	..... 6:00p
4:15a	7:00p	4:00p	Lv .Raleigh. Ar.	11:00a	11:50a 1:25a
6:20a	8:55p	6:16p	Lv So Pines. Ar.	8:30a	9:45a 11:20p
7:15a	9:55p	7:30p	Ar Hamlet.. Ar.	7:30a	8:50a 10:30p
7:35a	10:15p	Lv . Hamlet.. Ar	7:10a	10:00p	
9:10a	11:55p	Ar .Monroe. Lv	5:40a	8:35p	52
9:15a	12:01a	Lv .Monroe. Ar	5:35a	8:30p	Daily
10:30a	1:20a	Ar .Chester.. Lv	4:06a	7:14p	
2:53p	11:47a	2:45a	Ar .Clinton .Lv	2:45a	6:00p 2:53p
3:41p	12:33p	3:35a	Ar Greenwood Lv	1:56a	5:15p 1:32p
4:08p	12:57p	4:02a	Lv Abbeville. Ar	1:32a	4:50p 1:03p
4:45p	1:25p	4:32a	Lv Cal. Falls. Ar	1:00a	4:21p 12:30p
5:23p	1:53p	5:05a	Lv .Elberton Ar	12:28a	3:55p 12:00*
6:35p	2:50p	6:08a	Lv .Athens .Ar	11:23p	2:57p 10:53a
7:20p	3:26p	6:46a	Lv .Winger. Ar	10:43p	2:23p 10:15a
7:55p	3:55p	7:20a	Lv Lawville. Ar	10:10p	1:57p 9:45a
9:20p	4:55p	8:40a	Ar .Atlanta .Lv	9:00p	1:00p 8:40a

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